(b) if so, whether Government has examined this study report;

(c) if so, to what extent the amount earmarked in the Tenth Plan for rural-development programmes on drinking water has been utilized; and

(d) to what extent the target set for 2004 will be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Drinking Water Supply is a State subject. The Government of India supplement the efforts of the States in ensuring drinking water supply to all rural habitations by providing assistance to State under a Centrally Sponsored Programme called Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) 15% of the funds released under ARWSP are meant for Submission pogrammes to tackle quality problems in drinking water including those created due to excess fluoride, based on the surveys and studies conducted.

(c) An amount of Rs. 2100.70 crore during 2002-03 and Rs. 1472.75 crore during 2003-04 (upto 30.11.2003) has been released to States under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

(d) With reference to the coverage position available on 1.4.1999 and subsequent coverage reported by the States, as on 28.11.2003, there are 8.889 Not Covered (NC) habitations and 83,587 Partially Covered (PC) habitations out of total number of 14,22,664 rural habitations in the country. The State Governments have already been requested to cover all the remaining habitations by 2004.

People benefited under N.F.B.S.

†895. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited district-wise during the last three years under the National Family Benefit Scheme (N.F.B.S.) of Central Government in different districts of Bihar in lieu of natural deaths and death by accidents;

(b) the details of the benefits given in each case to the families of the deceased under this scheme; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a)The National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) which formed a part of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) was transferred to the State Plan, with effect from the financial year 2002-2003. The district-wise number of beneficiaries under the National Family Benefit Scheme reported by the State Government during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 are furnished in the Statement enclosed (See below).

(b) Under National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS), an amount of Rs. 10,000 is given to the families of the deceased.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Statement showing district-wise number of beneficiaries reported by the districts of Bihar during the year 2000-01 to 2002-03 under National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)

SI. No.	Name of the district	No. of Beneficiaries Reported		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1	2	3	4	5
1	Araria	238	248	153
2	Aurangabad	344	206	169
3	Begusarai	368	248	180
4	Banka	278	178	144
5	Bhabhua (Kaimur)	203	158	79
6	Bhagalpur	517	317	191
7	Bhojpur	300	280	217
8	Buxar	234	93	180
9	Chhapra	215	733	186
10	Darbhanga	499	392	272
11	East Champaran	691	486	390
12	Gaya	545	845	215
13	Gopalganj	401	272	21

1	2	3	4	5
14	Jahanabad	204	155	122
15	Jamui	189	152	62
16	Katihar	506	255	194
17	Khagaria	228	158	165
18	Kishanganj	217	136	103
19	Lakhisarai	120	60	100
20	Madhepura	384	263	223
21	Madhubani	617	266	350
22	Munghyr	202	80	46
23	Muzaffarpur	585	394	316
24	Nalanda	314	331	200
25	Nawadah	150	260	164
26	Patna	767	515	235
27	Purnea	344	285	71
28	Rohtas	303	123	145
29	Saharsa	256	109	136
30	Samastipur	904	408	539
31	Sheikhpura	98	66	22
32	Sheohar	41	33	24
33	Sitamarhi	500	317	231
34	Siwan	241	316	257
35	Supaul	333	120	37
36	Vaishali	448	373	190
37	West Champaran	1222	633	238
38	Arwal			65
	TOTAL	14006	10264	6632